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THE ORDINARY *of* NEWGATE *his* ACCOUNT,

Of the Behaviour, Confeſſion, and dying Words of the Malefactors, who were executed at *Tyburn*, on *Friday* the 22d of this Inſtant *Auguſt*, 1729.

23. Sept. 1729.

BY Virtue of his Majeſty's Commiſſion of the Peace, and Oyer and Terminer, for the City of *London* and County of *Middleſex*: On *Wedneſday*, *Thurſday*, *Friday*, and *Saturday*, being the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th of *July*, 1729, in the Third Year of His MAJESTY's Reign. Before the Rt. Honourable Sir *ROBERT BAYLIS*, Knt. Lord Mayor of the City of *London*; the Rt. Honourable the Lord Chief Baron *Pengelly*; the Honourable Mr. Juſtice *Reynolds*; the Honourable Mr. Baron *Thompſon*, Recorder of the City of *London*; the Worſhipful Mr. Serjeant *Raby*, Deputy Recorder; and other of His Majeſty's Juſtices of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, and *Goal-Delivery* of *Newgate*, holden for the ſaid City and County of *Middleſex*.

Five Men, *viz. Thomas-James Grundy*, *Joſeph Kemp*, *Benjamin Wileman*, *James Cluff*, and *John Pantry*; and two Women, *viz. Hannah Hartley*, and *Suſannah Frazier*, were by the Jury found Guilty of capital Offences, and receiv'd Sentence of Death.

Of them, *James Cluff* having been convicted upon a Special Verdict, after that he had been acquitted in a preceeding Seſſions, for the Murder of *Mary Green*, was executed on *Friday* the 25th of *July* laſt, for the ſaid Murder, at which Time his laſt Confeſſions were publiſh'd: *Hannah Hartley*, and *Suſannah Frazier*, having pleaded their Bellies, and a Jury of Matrons being impannell'd, both of them were found Pregnant, and with Quick Child.

The other Four, while under Sentence, were inſtructed in the fundamental Article of all Religion, how that it is neceſſary for us to believe, that God is, and that he is a Rewarder of thoſe who diligently ſeek him. I ſhow'd them that it hath been always the Sentiment of all Men and Nations, that there is an infinite ſupreme Being, whom we call God, who created and in his Providence preſerves all Things; and that this innate perſuaſion or inſtinct, could never by the utmoſt gigantick efforts of a few Sacrilegiouſly-wicked Men, be eras'd out of the minds of Mankind; ye, that on the contrary, the Conſciences of thoſe ungodly Sinners never fail to fly in their own Faces, and to excite in their Breaſts the infernal Torments even in this Life, becauſe of their daring attempts againſt God and Heaven. Then I ſeriouſly preſs'd upon them to believe in Chriſt the Son of God, equal to the Father, the true *Meſſias*, and the only Saviour of Sinners, by whom alone we can be ſaved from the Guilt and Power of Sin, ſince there is not Salvation in any other; for there is none other Name under Heaven given among Men, whereby we muſt be ſaved. From *Acts* 3. 19. *Repent ye therefore and be converted; that your Sins may be blotted out, when the times of Refreſhing ſhall come from the Preſence of the Lord.* I exhorted them to a ſincere and hearty Repentance for all their Sins, and particularly thoſe of a more heinous Nature, which (no doubt) perplex'd their Conſciences, and in an eſpecial Manner, for the great Sin of Theft and Robbery, for which they were then ſuffering ſo much Shame and Sorrow. I advis'd them to partake in Chriſt's Death and Sufferings, in the Bleſſed Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, from thoſe Words, *This do in Remembrance of me*, St. *Luke* 22. 19. *&c.*

While theſe, and many ſuch exhortations were made uſe of, as they were in Chappel, they were attentive, and thoſe of them who could read made regular Reſponſes. *Grundy* who was young and inconſiderate, at ſome times did not ſeem to be duely affected in his Devotion. *Wileman* always behav'd himſelf modeſtly and ſeriouſly. *Kemp* was Sick almoſt the whole Time they were under Sentence, and for ſeveral Days he appear'd like unto one at the point of Death, and was ſo deaf that he could ſcarce hear any thing; when I viſited him, he deſir'd me to Pray by him; and having recover'd ſome ſhort time before his Death, he gave regular attendance in Chappel. While *Wileman* was Sick, he profeſt a deep Repentance, and earneſtly deſir'd to receive the Sacrament. *Pantry* was Sick moſt of the Time, and behav'd himſelf with apparent Devotion, both in Publick and Private.

Some Days before the Dead Warrant came down to *Newgate*, ſome of their Friends who were allow'd to Viſit them, found means to convey to them ſome Implements or Tools, fit for breaking the Priſon. This they attempted and ſucceeded ſo far, as to break through the Ceiling and Brickwall of *Wileman*'s and *Kemp*'s Cells, and to make two large Holes above the Doors of the Cells; and in the Day time, when they had an opportunity in going from one Cell to another to ſpeak together, between Chappel Time, they had loos'd one of the large Free-ſtones, where it looks out to *Phœnix Court*. This deſign was prevented by a diſcovery upon *Sunday* Morning the 17th of *Auguſt*, upon which, *Wileman*, *Kemp* and *Grundy* were remov'd

to the old Condemn'd Hold and ſtappl'd down : It is the Opinion of many, if they had not been Interrupted, that upon *Monday* Morning by One or Two o'Clock, all the Three would have got off.

Upon *Monday*, the 18th of this Inſtant *Auguſt*, the Report was made to the Queen's Majeſty in Council, of the four Priſoners under Sentence of Death in *Newgate*, when *John Pantry* of St. *John Hackney*, convicted for felonioufly ſtealing a brown Gelding, value 3 *l.* the property of *William Stokes*, the 9th of *June* laſt, receiv'd her Majeſty's moſt gracious Reprieve; the remaining Three, viz. *Thomas James Grundy*, *Joſeph Kemp*, and *Benjamin Wildman*, were order'd for Excution.

Thomas James Grundy of St. *Botolph*'s *Aldgate*, was Indicted for Burglary, in breaking into the Houſe of *Samuel Smith*, in the Night Time, with an intent to Steal, on the 31ſt, of *May* laſt.

The Proſecutor depos'd, that his Window was broke open between the Hours of 11 and 1 o'Clock, and he being call'd up by the Neighbours, found the Priſoner up his Chimney, ſtanding upon the Pole that the Pot-hangers were on. The Priſoner had nothing to ſay in his Defence, but that he was invited by one who ſaid that he lodg'd in the Houſe, to ſtay all Night with him, but that having let him in, his Friend went off, and he ſaw and knew him no more; this was look'd upon as a *Newgate* Plea, and the Jury found him Guilty of the Indictment. Death.

Thomas-James Grundy, as he ſaid, about 18 Years of Age, deſcended of mean Parents, who were willing to have given him ſuch Education at School, as they were able, but from his Childhood, he was of ſo wicked and perverſe a Diſpoſition, that he would be taught nothing at all, which was the Occaſion of his being groſly Ignorant of religious Principles, and by Conſequence, unacquainted with Devotion, or any thing that's Good and Virtuous. He own'd, that there was not a more abandoned Wretch of his Age to be found, having wholly given himſelf up to the Devils Service, and to commit all Manner of Wickedneſs with Pleaſure. When he was fit for Buſineſs, his Father taught him his own Trade of Weaving, which he follow'd at ſome Times, when he pleas'd, but ſeldom was he found in ſo good a Diſpoſition: For he ſaid, that he could not remember when he commenc'd Thief, having been naturally of a vile avaricious Temper, coveting every thing he ſaw, or could get his Fingers on. He began with picking and ſtealing all little things that came in his way, and when about 12 Years of Age, he apply'd himſelf to Houſe-breaking, which he follow'd cloſe for the 6 laſt Years of his Life. He did not break Houſes in *London*, but in *Hampſtead*, *Highgate*, *Hackney*, and other neighbouring Villages about the Town. He it was who firſt put *Kemp* and *Wileman* upon the Deſign of breaking the Priſon, for he ſaid, that he was ſo Expert in digging through Walls, that by the Help of ſome ſmall Tools, the ſtrongeſt Wall, either of Brick or Free-ſtone, could not keep him in. He acknowledg'd, that although he was young in Age, yet he had been an old, yea, a moſt preſumptuous Sinner, having accuſtomed himſelf to nothing but wicked Practices, from the time that he could diſcover his right Hand from his Left. He was addicted to Whoring, Drinking, Swearing, Blaſpheming, Gaming, and Prodigally ſquandering what Money or Goods he got upon the pillaging and robbing of honeſt People. I endeavour'd what I could to inſtruct him in the firſt Principles of Religion, for he had been of ſuch a diſſolute Life, and his Mind had been ſo fix'd upon Villainy, that he knew very little, if anything, of God or Chriſt. I exhorted him in many Words, to fly from the Wrath to come, by repenting of his Sins, and making Peace with God through Chriſt. When he knew himſelf to be included in the Dead Warrant, he wept bitterly, and ſaid, that it was not for fear of Death, but becauſe he was afraid of his Soul being thrown into the Pit of Deſtruction and eternal Miſery. I advis'd him to rely upon the Mercy of God, which is infinite. He ſaid, that he was heartily ſorry and griev'd for his moſt abominably wicked Life, for which he begg'd Pardon of God and Man; he declar'd that he believ'd in Chriſt, through whoſe Merits and Sufferings he hop'd to be ſav'd, and that he freely forgave all Injuries, as he expected Forgiveneſs from God.

Joſeph Kemp, of St. *Botolphs*, *Aldgate*, was indicted for Burglariouſly breaking and entering the Dwelling-houſe of *Sarah Piccard*, in the Night time, and felonioufly ſtealing thence, 36 Gold Rings and Stone Rings, 3 Silver Watches, ſeveral Pieces of Silver Plate, and divers other Goods of a conſiderable Value, the 11th of *June* laſt.

He was a ſecond time indicted, for Burglariouſly breaking and entering the Houſe of *James Wood*, in the Night Time, and ſtealing divers Goods, the 7th of *February* laſt.

Joſeph Kemp was a third time indicted of St. *James*'s *Weſtminſter*, for Burglariouſly breaking and entring the Houſe of Mrs. *Mary Paget*, in the Night time, and ſtealing thence Plate and other Goods, to a great Value, the 20th of *March* laſt.

Sarah Piccard depos'd, that her Houſe was faſt ſhut between 10 and 11 o'Clock, and was found broken open about 5 in the Morning; and that one *Kemp*, a Relation of the Priſoner's, had found that an Augre, and a ſtrong ſhort Knife left in the Yard, were the Priſoner's. Mr. *Kemp* depos'd, that the Priſoner had ſhown him the Knife. *Joannah Kemp* and *Jonathan Hoskins*, confirm'd this Evidence. And *Samuel Gerrard*, a Conſtable, depos'd, that when (with the two preceeding Witneſſes in his Company) he found ſeveral of

he Goods of Mrs. *Piccard*'s in the Priſoner's Houſe, he then ſaid that he committed the Robbery by himſelf, without the aſſiſtance of any Body. He had nothing to the Purpoſe to alledge in his Defence. *John Knap*, an Accomplice, whoſe Evidence was confirm'd by other Circumſtances, clearly prov'd the other two Indictments. The Jury found him Guilty of all the three Indictments. Death.

Joſeph Kemp, about 24 Years of Age, born in *Holbourn*, of mean Parents, who got him educated in reading and writing, and inſtructed in Chriſtian Principles, at a publick School. When of Age, he was, by his Parents, and thoſe who had the Care of his Education, put out Apprentice to a *Glazier*, with whom he ſerv'd out his Time with Approbation. His Parents (as he ſaid) afterwards ſet him up in a Shop, and gave him 60 *l.* to enable him to carry on his Affairs; but after all could be done for him, his falling in with bad Company prov'd his ſpeedy Ruin. For he was greatly in Love with a common Woman of the Town, and altho' he knew that ſhe kept Company with two Men that paſt for her Husbands, he married her, who in a very ſhort Time pawn'd and ſold off all his Goods, and when all was gone, betaking herſelf to thieving and robbing, ſhe was at laſt taken and committed to Gaol. When *Kemp* viſited her in the Priſon, he gave her what Money he had; and when he told her that he knew not how to get any more, ſhe curs'd and ſwore at him, and bid him go and knock down People in the Street, or go and rob Houſes, and carry off Money or Goods, for Money ſhe wanted, and Money ſhe muſt have. He paſſionately lov'd her, and being void of the Fear of God, he provided himſelf with proper Inſtruments, and then betook himſelf to Houſe-breaking. got her out of Priſon, and when done, he gave her a great Quantity of ſtollen Plate, which ſhe diſpos'd off, and ſpent it upon other Men. At laſt ſhe was taken up again, and tranſported for felonious Practices, and then being out of his Sight, he quickly marry'd another Woman, who was try'd with him for the chief Burglary of which he was convicted, and acquitted. By the time of his ſecond unlawful Marriage, he had loſt all Credit, and had no Buſineſs, but liv'd wholly by robbing and Houſe-breaking, in which way of Trade he had acquir'd no ſmall Dexterity. He own'd, that for 2 or 3 Years paſt he had liv'd a very wicked, ſinful and irregular Life; and particularly, that he committed the three Burglaries of which he was convicted, that he had been a moſt abandon'd Wretch, void of the Fear of God, and his Thoughts intirely taken up in contriving and putting in Practice his wicked Devices. He did not ſeem to have been naturally of a bad Diſpoſition, but as he was of too eaſy a Temper, and in a Manner bewitch'd with the Allurements of that wicked Woman, whom he firſt marry'd, he was eaſily carry'd off and led aſide to comply with her helliſh Counſel. When the Dead Warrant came out, he cried, and wrung his Hands very much. I exhorted him to take Courage, and not to diſpair of the Mercy of God which is infinite; I adviſ'd him to confeſs all his Sins, and to mourn bitterly over them before God, for *Whoſoe confeſſeth and forſaketh his Sins ſhall find Mercy, but he who hideth his Sins ſhall not proſper, Pro.* 28. 13. I deſir'd him to reſolve againſt all Sin, and to dedicate himſelf to God, ſince he had been guilty of breaking his baptiſmal Vows in ſuch a notorious Manner, by ſinning againſt ſo much Light and Knowledge, againſt ſo many Vows and Reſolutions to the contrary. He confeſs'd, that he was one of the chief of Sinners; and declar'd, that he was Sorry for his having offended ſo good and gracious a God, and that he had prov'd a Scandal to his Fellow Creatures, for which he heartily begg'd Pardon of God and all the World; that he believed in Chriſt, through whoſe Blood and Merits he hoped to be ſaved, and that he died in Peace with all the World.

Benjamin Wileman, of *Pancraſs*, was indicted for aſſaulting *William Hucks*, Eſq; on the Highway, and taking from him a Gold Watch, Chain and Seals, Val. 24 *l.* and one Guinea, the 30th of *December* laſt.

He was a ſecond Time indicted, for aſſaulting *Wm. Bridges*, Eſq; on the Highway, and taking from him a Sword, a Hat, a Pocket Book, and a Bank Note of 20 *l.* the 17th of *December* laſt.

The Proſecutor depos'd, that he believ'd *Wileman* to be the Perſon who robb'd him. *John Doyle*, an Accomplice, depos'd, that he and *Wileman* went out in Company and committed the Robbery on Mr. *Hucks*, told ſeveral Particulars that happen'd, and that he gave *Wileman* 5 Guineas and a half for his Share of the Gold Watch, *&c.* 'Squire *Bridges* depos'd, that he was robb'd of the Things mention'd in the ſecond Indictment. *John Doyle* depos'd, that he and *Wileman* committed this Robbery alſo. *Elizabeth Jones* depos'd, that ſhe met the Priſoner and *Doyle* in *Bedford Row*, that both of them were Booted and Spurr'd, and very Dirty, and that they ſhow'd her the Bank Note, to which ſhe ſwore to when it was ſhown her. *Arrabella Manning* depos'd, that the Priſoner and *Doyle* giving her a Dram in a Shop in *Drury-Lane*, one of them drop'd a Paper, and taking it up he ſaid, the Loſs of that would be the Loſs of 20 *l.* this being about 8 or 9 o'Clock at Night, the ſame Day the Robbery was committed. He objected againſt the Evidence of *Doyle*, *Jones*, and *Manning*, and call'd ſome Perſons to his Character; but both the Facts being plainly prov'd to the Satisfaction of the Jury, he was found guilty of both Indictments. Death.

Benjamin Wileman, 24 Years of Age, of honeſt Parents in the City of *Dublin*, had Education at School

in reading, writing, and cyphering, to fit him for Buſineſs, and was inſtructed in the Principles of our holy Chriſtian Faith. When of Age, his Father bred him to his own Trade of a Taylor, and when he was wearied of following his Buſineſs, he liſted himſelf in a Regiment in *Ireland*, and ſerv'd in the Army there 12 Years. Some Years ago he came over to *England*, and (as he ſaid) liv'd by following his Trade. He confeſs'd that he was a Man of a very diſſolute Life having been addicted to Whoring, Drinking, Gaming, and Swearing; and that he ſpent almoſt all the Money he could earn, in a vicious way of Living, and in the worſt of Company; and he own'd that the Judgment of God had juſtly overtaken him, for ſuch a notorious wicked Courſe of Life. He reflected on *Doyle* the Evidence, and ſaid that he was taken up by him out of Spite, becauſe he threaten'd to take up a third Perſon for a capital Crime, againſt whom he had Proof. He deny'd the Facts of which he was convicted, but own'd himſelf to have been a moſt notorious Sinner in other Reſpects, and that therefore his Afflictions were deſervedly brought upon him, as a viſible Puniſhment from Heaven, for his Diſobedience to Gods Laws, his neglecting his Worſhip and deſpiſing his Ordinances. Under his Misfortunes he always profeſs'd a deep Repentance, and a hearty Sorrow for a miſpent Life. He declar'd, that he believ'd in Chriſt, that he was a true Penitent for his Sins and that he forgave all the World, as he expected Forgiveneſs from God. All the three died in the Communion of this Church.

Joſeph Kemp deſir'd me to Print the following Letter, which he gave me in the Chappel yeſterday Morning juſt as he was going into the Cart to Execution, which is as follows, viz.

Good People,

MY Father and Mother brought me up tenderly and Honeſtly, and always gave me good Advice, whilſt I was under their Care; they put me Apprentice to a Glaſier, *my Maſter not being ſo careful of me, as he ought to have been; I took to ill Courſes, and married before my Time was expir'd, to a Woman, that brought me to this untimely End; for ſhe could not Live upon what I got at my Trade, and out of my over fondneſs of her, I did whatever ſhe requir'd, or requeſted of me; at length ſhe was taken up for ſome Fact, and Tranſported. Then I married a ſecond Wife, and ſhe was as Good, as the other was Bad, and ſhe would do any thing to help to ſupport me, that I might not commit any Wickedneſs: but I could not take her Advice, but ſtill run on in my wicked Courſe of Life, till I was overtaken in my Folly; for if we think our ſelves ſafe in the committing of Sin, God will certainly find ſuch out, becauſe he is juſt, and will puniſh accordingly. This my miſerable End, I would have all take warning by, and that they follow not the Devices of this World, the Snares whereof, are apt to lead Men into evil Courſes, unleſs they endeavour to ſhun them, and ſeek the Grace of God, to aſſiſt and enable them for that effect. I offer my Prayers to God for the Good of all Men, and ask Pardon of God for my evil Doings, and Forgiveneſs of all whom I have wrong'd, and particularly the Forgiveneſs of God to thoſe, who have ſworn againſt my Life. I beg Reflections paſs not upon my Wife, for I declare, whatever Wrongs ſhe may have committed, was thro' my Perſwaſions, of herſelf inclinable to Good. I would laſtly requeſt, That the Follies and Vices which have brought me to this untimely End, may not by any Means be a Cauſe to afflict my grievous Parents, both Father and Mother: but would have all to conſider, when ever they are perſuaded to any Manner of Ways, tending to their Ruin, they would likewiſe remember to call upon God to help and aſſiſt them, in ſhunning ſuch, and all other wicked Courſes. Good People, pray for me, that God may receive me through his Mercies, which I truſt he will.*

Newgate, *Aug.* the 22d. 1729.

JOSEPH KEMP.

At the Place of EXECUTION.

Thomas-James Grundy, wept bitterly when he came to the Place of Execution, and ſaid, that he had been a moſt wicked and perverſe Boy, that he had been guilty of a great deal of Miſchief, as breaking open of Houſes, and robbing People of their Goods or Money, for which he begg'd Pardon of God and Man. He own'd his Sentence and Puniſhment to be moſt Juſt. *Benjamin Wileman* deny'd the Facts for which he dy'd, reflecting on the Evidence who had been an Accomplice; that he had appear'd againſt him, in order to ſcreen another Perſon from being brought to Juſtice; he alſo ſpoke of a Perſon, who (as he ſaid) had firſt deliver'd him up to Juſtice, contrary to his Promiſe, which, he ſaid, he freely forgave him, and all the World. They all appear'd very Penitent and concern'd, and joyn'd fervently in Prayer and ſinging of Pſalms. *Wileman's* and *Kemp's* Wives went up to the Cart, juſt before they were ty'd up, and very Lovingly and with many Tears embrac'd and took leave of their Husbands. They all left the Stage, crying out, God have Mercy upon us, and Lord Jeſus receive my Spirit.

This is all the Account given by me,

JAMES GUTHRIE, Ordinary of *Newgate*.

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